an integral part of the disinvestment policy. Adequate provisions are made in the Transaction Agreements, executed as a part of strategic sale, to ensure protection of employees. The agreements provide that there is no retrenchment of employees for one year after disinvestment and even thereafter separation is possible only under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme as applicable under DPE guidelines or the Voluntary Retirement Scheme which was prevailing in the company prior to disinvestment, whichever is more beneficial for the employees.

(b) Does not arise.

International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises

4573. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the role of International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises;

(b) in what manner, the International Centre reciprocates to the cause of PSEs in the country; and

(c) what is India's membership contribution in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE), an inter-governmental organization, promotes and supports enterprise development in developing countries and countries in transition, in both public and private sector, for the purpose of fostering their economic development in the regional and global context. ICPE carries out research, training and consultancy activities by undertaking projects and assignments, organizing seminars/workshops on public sector issues. The Centre has also been conducting International MBA programme and other short-duration training programmes relevant to the current economic and social environment of the developing countries including India and the countries in transition.

(c) India is a founder member of ICPE and has been making an annual membership contribution of US $ 75,000 to ICPE.

Commissioned programmes in NER

4574. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) total outlay, annual allocation, date of sanction, utilization and achievement made towards improvement of infrastructure as well as for

commissioned programmes in Guwahati Doordarshan including those for NE Channel during the last three years upto 31.03.2003, head-wise;

(b) persons held responsible and action taken for delay in notifying the selected parties for allotment of commissioned programmes till last week of March, 2003, resulting in harassment to producers and inappropriate utilization of sanctioned fund; and

(c) the details of findings of the inquiry conducted on rampant corruption in allotment of commissioned programmes in NER and action taken on guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) Prasar Bharati has informed about the details of total outlay, annual allocation and utilization of revenue software and infrastructure in respect of DDK, Guwahati and North East Channel as per Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that a preliminary inquiry conducted by them revealed that some of the programmes sanctioned for North East Channel by the then Director, Programme Production Centre (North East) of Doordarshan, Guwahati, were approved in violation of the prescribed guidelines for commissioning of programmes in Doordarshan. They have further informed that the then Director, Programme Production Centre (North East) of Doordarshan, Guwahati has been *prima facie* found to have committed certain irregularities and also that he has been placed under suspension with effect from 9.4.2003.

Statement

Details of total outlay, allocation and utilization of revenue software and infrastructure in respect of DDK, Guwahati and North East Channel

REVENUE SOFTWARE (Rs. in lakhs)

	DDK, Guwahati			PPC Guwahati (NE Channel)		
	Allocation	Utilisation		Allocation	Utilisation	
Year	Total	Date of Sanction	Total	Total	Date of Sanction	Total
2000-01	400.00	27-7-2000	400.00	50.00	27-7-2000	50.00
2001-02	352.50	19-6-2001	352.50	367.50	19-6-2001	367.50
2002-03	930.90	4-6-2002	925.16	1105.00	4-6-2002	1104.91

INFRASTRUCTURE (Rs. in lakhs)

DDK Guwahati & PPC Guwahati

Year	Allocation	Date of Sanction	Utilisation
2000-01	170.00	25-7-1957*	171.03
2001-02	78.00	25-7-1997*	66.64
2002-03	65.00	25-7-1997*	74.72

*Sanction was accorded for construction of 134 members staff quarters at Guwahati *vide* No. 301/2/83-TV(D-II) dated 25-7-1997 for Rs. 759.14 lakhs.

Grants-in-aid to DD

4575. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details and amount of grants-in-aid given by Government to Doordarshan during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of the fund utilisation for the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) Grants-in-aid given by Government to Doordarshan every year for last three years are :–

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2000-01	65.95	394.04	459.99
2001-02	58.54	389.06	447.60
2002-03 (upto Feb., 2003)	86.68	397.64	484.32

(b) The details of utilization of funds are as under :–

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2000-01	65.49	376.32	441.81
2001-02	49.84	384.78	434.62
2002-03 (upto Feb., 2003)	20.74	381.64	402.38